

**ELK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL
Minutes – Regular Business Meeting
September 8, 2009**

DATE AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the PTC of Elk Grove High School was held in the staff lounge of Elk Grove High School on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Heller at 7:05 p.m. Rick Heller welcomed all of the attendees and all introduced themselves.

ATTENDANCE

The roll call indicated that the members present were: Rick Heller, Beth Kaim, Susan Schneider, Renee Kane, Dr. Nancy Holman, Alan Crites, Susan Liston, Connie Groat, Pam Leone, Sherry Skoneczka, Diana Buchmann, Adele Madden, Anne Ryan, and Sheryl Ritondale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the June 10, 2009, Regular Business Meeting were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Renee Kane presented the profit & loss report.

Bank Balance as of August 30, 2009, is \$29,582.37.

The financial report will be filed for audit.

Budget for the 2009-2010 year was presented and discussed. **IT WAS MOVED BY SUE LISTON TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET.** The motion was seconded by Beth Kaim. The motion was approved.

To date, 306 families have joined the PTC.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Holman reported that the on-line registration is completed. There are still families moving into the district and transferring into EGHS. Over 90 students transferred into EGHS this year.

EGHS hired 28 new staff members (not all teachers).

During the first days of school, there are two institute days, and we will be reviewing the progress of the goals. Goals are for EGHS and District 214, including success and rigor goals. EGHS has the best performance growth numbers in the district. Three years ago we had the lowest in the district.

There was discussion on: the peaks, valleys and plateaus of each grade level, especially the sophomore slump; the awarding of privileges based on showing of responsibility, behavior, and actions. Privileges are not awarded because of seniority.

Dr. Holman reported that we need to keep the dialogue open in regard to our responsibilities with drugs and alcohol. We need to educate the parents also regarding the “Social Networking” sites.

Open House will be on September 9. Parent meetings also will be held. September 23, is Curriculum Night. It is very important for Grades 8, 9, & 10 to attend. Co-curricular Night – most important thing to take away is, “Do One Thing– Get Involved in School.”

Summer camps were very successful. More students involved in fall athletics than ever before.

Spirit Wear is being reworked. The two large parent groups in the school are the PTC and GAB. We would like to see the two groups work together to capitalize on the Spirit Wear sales.

There was discussion on the lack of advisory period at the beginning of the school day. No significant attitudes for or against have been expressed. An at-risk group of students from 9 - 10 grades has been assigned teacher mentors to offer extra help.

Discussion on the closed campus at lunch for freshman.

There was a question on whether we can use the Gren logo for spirit wear. The Gren logo is copyrighted, but we can use the logo for our own spirit wear.

Dr. Holman explained that Thursdays are not late start for some groups. Every Thursday will be different. Some groups of students will be required to attend the 8:10 period on Thursdays. Some will be optional for extra resource. Some days will be mandatory for failing students. The calendar has mandatory groups listed on it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality

Beth Kaim lead the discussion on available dates for breakfasts and lunches for the staff throughout the year. November 10, will be a dinner for the staff before parent-teacher conferences.

Post Prom

Sue Liston reported that Prom will be held on Friday June 4. Graduation is June 6. The Post Prom will be held aboard the Odyssey on Lake Michigan. The committee is finalizing the details for the bus lines. A fund-raising packet will be coming home soon. Fund raisers include: Yankee Candles, Pasta sales, Split the Pot at sporting events, Market Day and Shop and Share at Jewel. Cash donations are always welcome.

Craft Fair

Connie Groat reported that 140 spaces out of 256 have been sold for the Craft Fair to date. The cost is \$50/booth. Admission cost will be \$3. The admission will be split \$2 to the PTC and \$1 to the Post Prom Committee. There was discussion on refunding booth fees to crafters who cancel. Our contract to the crafters states "No Refunds." The craft fair committee will discuss this further.

EGHS will work with the craft fair committee to help manage the volunteers.

Informational Series

Rick Heller presented ideas on what topics may be presented this year. More information will follow at upcoming meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Homecoming Week

It was decided that the PTC will not do anything special during homecoming week.

Club/Activity Grants

The board of directors will work on details for the presentation of the mini grants in the near future.

Other

Sheryl Ritondale expressed gratitude toward Tasty Catering for their donation to the GAB Fest and suggested that we patronize them for future events. Thank you Tasty Catering for supporting EGHS.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Schneider, Secretary